

Fashion Show Featured By 186 St. P-TA

The 186 Street P-TA Association will feature a fashion show today at 2:00 p.m. Mrs. David Wood, Home Service Chairman, will act as commentator as members of the association model home-made garments. Mrs. David Wood and Mrs. Ronald Powell are serving as co-chairmen.

Miss Evelyn Buckley, of the school staff, will speak on the subject, "Dependability and Courtesy." Following her talk election of new officers will be held. The teachers will serve tea at the close of the business meeting.

Revival Set By Baptists

Evangelist Harry W. Vom Bruch of Long Beach and his party of workers arrived in this city on March 8 and began their revival campaign at the First Baptist Church, according to Rev. C. M. Northrup, pastor.

Vom Bruch is known as one of the foremost young people's evangelists in America. He is assisted in his work by Rev. Everett Mills, known as the Children's Friend.

This party presents the old fashioned gospel in sermon, music and song. Music is the feature of each evening service, Rev. Northrup said.

Make Plans For Annual Meeting At Local YWCA

Initial arrangements for the YWCA annual meeting for the Harbor District to be held May 13, were made at a recent meeting of the committee presided over by Mrs. Arnold Ecklund, chairman.

In an effort to obtain an outstanding program, contacts are being made with several well known personalities.

Those attending the planning meeting were: Mesdames Jess Ewer, Manuel Almeida, Melvin Andrews, Arden Nordgren, C. R. Halpenny, Alfred T. Fisher, Charlotte Lukes, Otis S. Blackstone, and Elsa Morris.

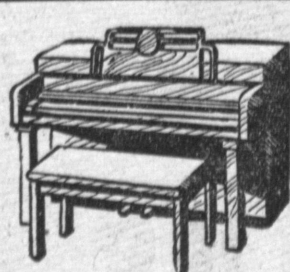
Fire Department Canteen Gets Go Ahead Sign

The acceptance of the proposed Fire Department canteen was a highlight of the March 2 meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Torrance Fire Department.

According to Mrs. Walt West, publicity chairman of the group, the plan has been under discussion since it was presented last January.

At the meeting, each member was presented with an auxiliary identification card through the courtesy of Fire Chief J. J. Benner. A report from Treasurer Louise Davis revealed that the Torrance "Fireladies" had affiliated 100% with the Ladies Auxiliary of the California State Firemen's Association.

Refreshments in the St. Patrick's Day Theme, and bingo followed the meeting.



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Parsonage Dedicated On Sunday

Dedication services of the parsonage of the South Bay Baptist Church were held Sunday afternoon in the parsonage located at 4360 Mindora Dr. Sepulveda Gardens, Rev. Roy Nelson, pastor of the First Baptist Church of San Pedro made a short dedicatory address.

At the conclusion of his talk, Rev. Nelson presented the Church with a Certificate of Dedication which will be framed and hung in the parsonage.

The male quartette composed of Messrs: Ted Evans, Erling Fredrickson, Fred Mackey and Charles Sutphen sang "When they ring the golden bells." The services were concluded with a dedicatory prayer by the Rev. George F. Cain, pastor.

Pictures of the group were taken after which the guests inspected the Church site upon which a huge cross had been erected.

Building plans are being completed to erect the first unit in the very near future. The parsonage is immediately in back of the Church grounds which lie to the east of the Seaside Elementary School on Sharynne Lane, Seaside Ranchos, Torrance.

Following these services the Pastor and Mrs. Cain were hosts at an Open House.

The nation includes those "open-minded" persons who listen to only one side.

Parent-Teacher Classes Planned

Mrs. Lawrence Lobach, regional director for the Harbor Area of the Gardena-Wilmington Council P-TA, announced a series of six parent-teacher information classes have been scheduled for interested members.

"Parent-Teacher Organization" as the first topic presented by Mrs. Laurence B. Martin, last Wednesday morning at the Gardena Community Center, Gardena.

Mrs. Shephard To Give Lecture

Mrs. Edith Shephard, teacher coordinator for parent education of the Los Angeles City Schools, will be the guest speaker next Monday, March 16th at 7 P.M. when the Parent Education Class meets at the Torrance High School auditorium. Her subject will be "Sibling Rivalry."

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The Story Back of the Reckless and Irresponsible Attack Upon 3,000,000 Californians:

TO: THE PUBLIC SERVED BY SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY:

In the middle of the night of March 9-10, while a panel of the Federal Conciliation Service was still working on the dispute, a small number of the leaders of Local 47, IBEW-AFL called a strike for 6:00 A.M., March 10, against the 3,000,000 people served by the Southern California Edison Company.

This reckless, irresponsible, and potentially very dangerous action is the culmination of a determined campaign by this immature and reckless group, extending over the past several months, and it is now obvious that this campaign of vilification, abuse, and misrepresentation directed against their associates in the Company, had as its predetermined aim the strike which they have now called.

The outstanding fact which proves the foregoing beyond question is that throughout the so-called bargaining, this small group or committee of Local 47, IBEW-AFL, made utterly and absurdly impossible demands which neither the Management of Southern California Edison Company, nor anyone else, had the right, power and authority to meet. Without receding from those impossible demands, this group has now called this strike.

A "Save-Face" Strike Call

Back of the strike also is the fact that a new, inexperienced, immature and emotional young man was elected to the leadership of this Local 47, IBEW-AFL, less than a year ago. He immediately began to make inflammatory statements, and impossible promises as to what he was going to deliver. Thus he worked himself and his small group of associates into a position where they were promising the moon and threatening a strike to get it. They were finally so far out on the limb that their very position depended on their going to the unbelievable length to which they have now gone in order to "save face."

Reckless and Irresponsible Action

The strike is a weapon of such dangerous potentiality that it is inconceivable that it would be lightly resorted to under any circumstances; but that it should be resorted to at all when it threatens to stop the delivery of electric energy absolutely essential to the life of a modern community, is shocking beyond words. The interruption of production of some commodities and services can go on for some weeks before the general public is seriously hurt. But the interruption of the service of electricity to any consumer or group of consumers, whether in the home, hospital, on the farm, office building, store, factory, or for operation of traffic signals, water pumps, or refrigeration plants—can cause serious damage in a few hours. For example, most farms depend on electricity for irrigation, and for operating milking machines, chicken-incubators and brooders, and tens of thousands of homes have electric freezers. Many factories such as glass plants, steel plants, and cement plants, can be caused serious loss and damage by even a short interruption. Interruption of service to hospitals where surgery and therapeutic devices depend on electricity, may endanger life within a few minutes. Therefore, regardless of whether there is a law of man against using the strike to stop the public service of electricity, every dictate of morality, common

sense, and decency tells us that a strike is entirely inhumane and uncivilized as a weapon where its use might destroy life and property, and jeopardize the public defense, health, welfare and safety.

A Strike Against the Many for Pitifully Few Leaders

What these officials of Local 47, IBEW-AFL, are seeking to secure through the use of the strike is called union shop, or "union security," but primarily and in essence, they seek only more power for themselves, over the Company, its employees, and hence over the public service vital to 3,000,000 Californians. Having demonstrated their inability wisely to use the power they now have, they seek to add greatly to that power. These particular local union officials seek not to do something for the Edison Company employees but to do something to them by depriving them of more of their freedom.

So far as their monetary demands are concerned, they are so impossible as to raise seriously the question of whether they are presented in good faith. The CIO Union, which represents another group of Edison employees, some weeks ago accepted the offer of an increase of 5% or \$15.00 per month—whichever is greater—which the Company also has made to the officers of Local 47, IBEW-AFL and which thus far has been rejected by them. With that increase the employees of this Company will be receiving the highest average pay of any comparable Company in the United States. Furthermore, the working conditions, and the medical and hospital and other benefits received by Edison employees are recognized as outstanding in their quantity and quality.

Potential Damage Greater than Earthquakes

If the officials of Local 47 of IBEW-AFL had the power to cause a major disaster such as an earthquake in this territory in which the plant and system of the Edison Company is located, and they exercised that power, such a condition could neither be tolerated or condoned. Yet here we are today confronted with a strike which could cause damage far in excess of any damage from all the earthquakes which we have experienced in our history in this area—damage not alone to the company's property, but damage of even greater proportions to the property and life of the community of three million population which we serve.

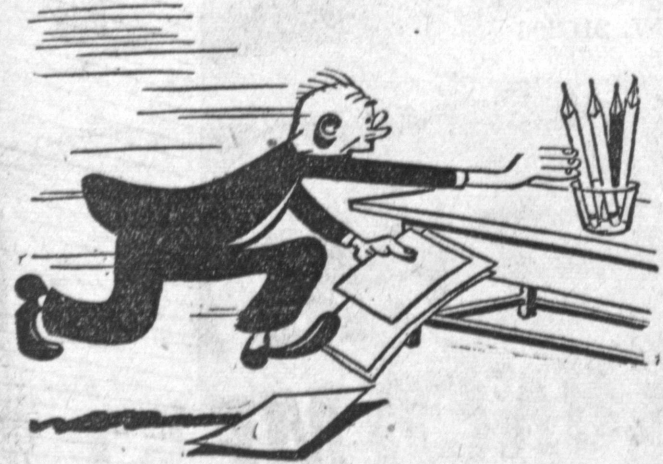
Service to be Maintained so far as Possible

The officials of the company are firm in their conviction that in the face of this strike it would be a very mistaken policy to give these men the additional power over the public welfare which they ask; but also, that within the limits of their duty and trust, the company officials do not have the power or the authority to meet such demands.

With the assistance of the supervisory forces and the aid of its many employees who are still loyal to their responsibility of public service, the company will use every resource at its command in an attempt to maintain vital electric service.

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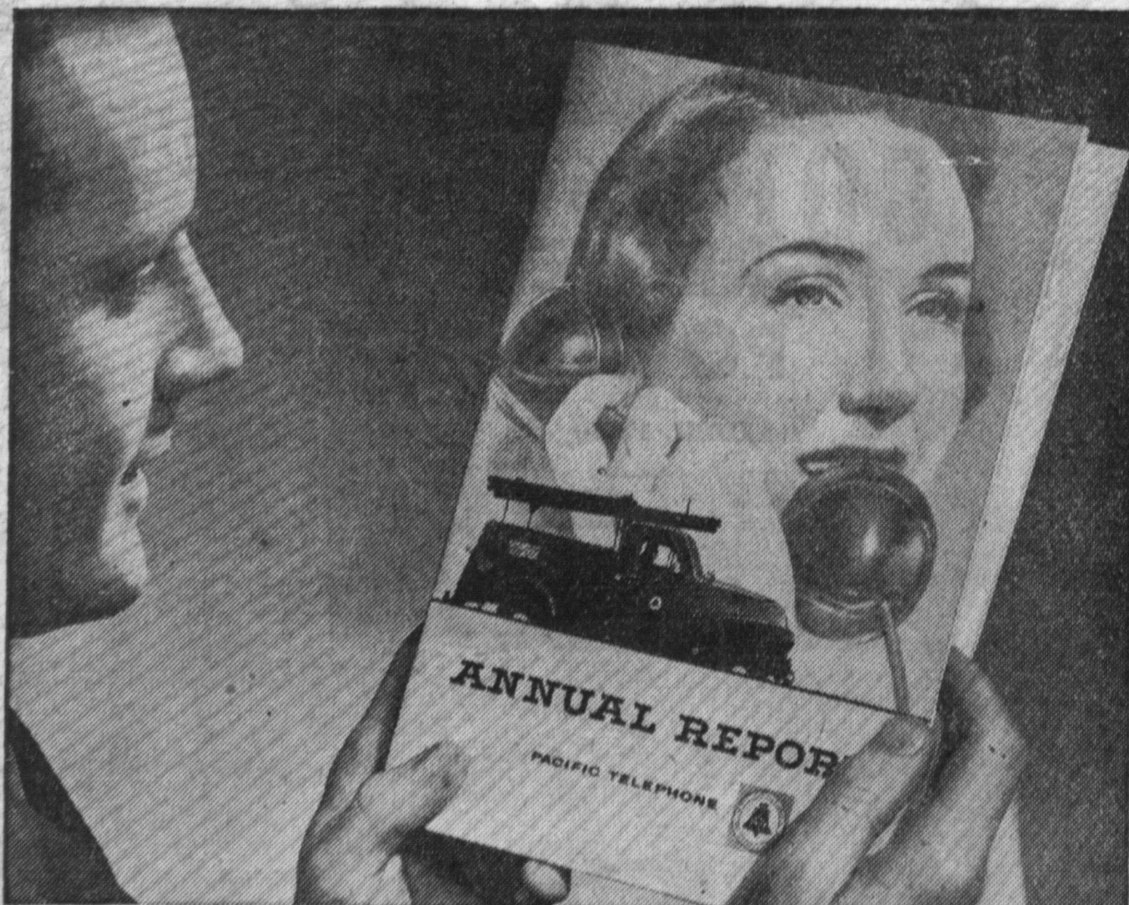
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